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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF JANUARY 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 86,618,000 pounds on January 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1411 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

This represents a decrease of 13,470,000 pounds when compared with the (revised) total of 100,088,000 pounds in cold storage on December 15, 1940. It also indicates an increase of 8,055,000 pounds, or 10 percent, over the January 15, 1940 figure of 78,563,000 pounds; and of 14 percent over the five-year average of 76,079,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended January 15, 1941 amounted to 8,080,000 pounds, which is but 770,000 pounds less than the production during the same period a year ago, but 540,000 pounds, or 7 percent, above the five-year average.

Heaviest frozen holdings by species show whiting in the lead with 8.7 million pounds, followed by halibut (7.5 million pounds); and mackerel (except Spanish)

with 6.1 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (5.7 million pounds) predominated, with scallops (1.5 million pounds) next.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England (25.6 million pounds) leading, with the Pacific area (17.7 million pounds) in second place, followed by Middle Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 15.5 million pounds, and the North Central East section (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) with 15.5 million pounds.

Other items in the bulletin give 16.6 million pounds of cured herring, and 4.1 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of January 15, 1941.

Included, also, is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows the following fresh frozen fish on hand as of January 1, 1941: halibut--3,697,973 pounds; mackerel--1,633,579 pounds; salmon--9,574,045 pounds; sea herring--6,434,434 pounds; whitefish--560,058 pounds; cod fillets--1,445,587 pounds; all other varieties--8,217,209 pounds.

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